

NOVEL READING INCITES YOUTH

Sends Threatening Letters
to Chicago Ministers.

WANTED TO TEST POLICE

When Arrested Admits Guilt and Says He Is Great Lover of Conan Doyle's Detective Stories and Organized "Knights of the White Death" in Spirit of Adventure—Obtained Bones and Coffin Handles From Graveyards.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The mystery of the "Knights of the White Death" letters, which were recently sent to various clergymen and prominent citizens in this city with the threat that unless they left large sums of money at designated spots they would be put to death, was cleared up when William Pollard, 22, driver of a grocery wagon, was arrested and confessed to having sent the missives as a joke.

When confronted by the postoffice officials, Pollard laid the blame on his having read Conan Doyle's stories of crime. Fascinated by the novelist's lurid pictures of skulls, ghosts, grave raids and all-night vigils of detectives, Pollard declared he had determined to see how they would work out in the hands of the Chicago police. So he organized the "Knights of the White Death" and with a Sherlock Holmes rancor for the weird wrote out a bundle of letters, all decorated with skulls and crossbones. The demands for money, he said, were simply added to enliven the mystery, as he never went to see whether the money was left or not.

A few days ago one of the letters reached the Rev. W. O. Waters of Grace Episcopal church. It was accompanied by a small box, also sent through the mail, containing bones, apparently human, and the rusty handles of a coffin. Ten thousand dollars were demanded in this instance, the money to be left at night by the clergyman at a lonely spot. Detectives were posted at the place indicated in this letter and also at places indicated in similar letters sent to Rev. R. F. Roberts of Quinn chapel and A. C. Dixon of Moody institute.

"I got the bones and the coffin handles out of a graveyard," said Pollard, according to the confession obtained by the postoffice authorities. "I have been a great lover of Doyle, and after reading all of his works I could get hold of I thought it would be a great joke to see what kind of Sherlock Holmes the police would be. It was fun to see how perplexed the police were and how the newspapers were trying to figure it out."

Pollard was arrested at Evanston, a suburb. He was held in custody pending further investigation.

DISCUSS NAVAL WARFARE

International Conference of Powers Holds First Session Today.

London, Dec. 1.—The conference of the powers called by Great Britain to frame a code of laws for naval warfare, and for the formation of an international prize court held its first business session today at the foreign office.

The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland and Japan are represented in the conference. The American delegates are Rear Admiral Charles H. Stockton and Professor George Grafton Wilson of Brown university. Commander John H. Gibbons, naval attaché at the London embassy, acts as aid.

Questions of much interest and moment to the maritime powers are on the program of the conference. Among them are the decision of what constitutes contraband of war, the right of search, the limitations of blockades, etc.

Will Investigate Pullman Charges.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The interstate commerce commission, it was announced, has decided to resume the investigation into the reasonableness of some of the rates charged by the Pullman company. The complaint is an old one made by George S. Loftus of St. Paul. Commissioner Lape will open the hearing here next Monday.

BANKER LEAVES PENITENTIARY

James Lingafelter the Subject of Executive Clemency.

Columbus, O., Dec. 1.—James R. Lingafelter, Newark banker and savings association official, serving a five-year term in the penitentiary for forgery, was pardoned by Governor Harris. He is thought to be suffering from cancer of the stomach. His wife has been under charges in connection with the failure of the financial institutions, and a son, Robert Lingafelter, is in the Mansfield reformatory.

Two Burned to Death.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Two people were burned to death and several others were injured in jumping out of windows in a fire in a stable at 1824 Prairie avenue. The dead are Mrs. Elizabeth Carr and her one-year-old son, who occupied an upper story of the stable.



SERVIAN WOMEN DRILLING AS HOME GUARDS.

Hundreds of Servian women have joined the new "League of Death" to prevent the invasion of their country. These women are armed with modern rifles and are drilled by Servian officers just as are the soldiers of the regular army. The women who join the "League of Death" swear to give their lives for their country in case of invasion by a foreign foe.

POWDER TRUST IS WORLD-WIDE

Agreement Produced in Court
at Cleveland.

PROVIDES HEAVY FINES

American Manufacturers Stopped Work on Detonation Factory on Protest of European Firms—Regulations Covered Detonators, Black, Sportmen's and Smokeless Military Brands—Also Provide for Refusal to Underbid Foreign Makers.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 1.—Worldwide agreement of all the powder companies in this country and Europe was presented at the federal hearing before Special Master Mahaffey. It provided for a \$50,000 fine for any breach of the agreement. This document after presentation was identified by Almon Lent of the Austin Powder company of this city.

The agreement was signed in 1897, and provided that it should continue in force for 10 years and afterwards until such time as the companies saw fit to revise it.

President Lent said that his company withdrew from the agreement at the expiration of the ten years. The testimony brought out at the hearing related only to the effect the agreement had upon the Austin Powder company. Its worldwide effect was not touched upon. Mr. Lent also intimated that the agreement also ceased at the expiration of the ten years' period so far as all of the other companies were concerned, according to his knowledge. He intimated that by the termination of the agreement the Dupont company no longer is a "trust" and is not operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Mr. Lent gave freely all information asked for by the government attorneys.

The document sets forth that the Dupont company, the Austin Powder company and nearly 100 other concerns in this country had signed it and also all the powder concerns in Europe. The 100 in this country include every powder company in the United States, the attorneys said.

The agreement states that at the time it was drawn up there was immense competition that was detrimental to the powder trade, both in Europe and here. It was believed, it said, that by reaching some agreement in regard to prices, trade could be regulated so that each concern could live and make profits.

A detonation factory was being built in New Jersey at that time, to which the European concerns objected. The companies in this country agreed, according to the document, to stop the erection of this factory. It was also agreed that the United States companies should buy 5,000,000 pounds of detonators from Europe. Regulations were made as to black powder, sportmen's powder and smokeless military powder.

It was agreed, the document set forth, that if the United States received any bids from a foreign country for smokeless military powder, it would find out what the European concerns had bid and that the concerns here should not bid any less than the same price and should bid more.

Brazil's Cotton Industry.

Substantially one-third of the entire industrial capital of Brazil is invested in cotton machinery.

UMPIRES CLAIM THEY WERE OFFERED BRIBE

National League to Investigate
Serious Charges.

New York, Dec. 1.—Even more sensational than the tumultuous close of the recent National league playing season were the closing hours of the league's annual meeting, when charges of attempted bribery of umpires who officiated at the game that decided the championship of 1908 between New York and Chicago, at the Polo grounds Oct. 8, were sprung, and the magnates appointed a committee to probe them, even intimating that criminal prosecutions might follow the investigating committee's report.

President Pulliam in presenting the charges stated that Umpires Klem and Johnston, who officiated at the game in question, had made a signed statement that an effort had been made to bribe them with respect to their duties pertaining to that contest. In one of these statements the name of the person who approached the umpire was given, as well as the names of persons he claimed to represent. In the other statements the names of the persons who approached the umpire were not given, this umpire stating that they were strangers to him.

Will Not Recognize Simon.

Washington, Dec. 1.—At a recent meeting of the diplomatic corps at Port au Prince, Haiti, the decision was reached that it was not opportune at this time to have the governments represented formally recognize the administration of General Simon, for the reason that this action perhaps would give him an advantage over his competitors in the election for president at the coming session of congress, convoked for the purpose.

YOUTH IS SENTENCED

Sought to Defraud Parents by Fake News of Missing Children.

Columbus, O., Dec. 1.—Fred Schaeffer, arrested here on complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews of Wheeling, W. Va. that he had sought to defraud her by representing he had found her lost son, for whom she had advertised, was given a five months' jail sentence by United States Judge Sater on a charge of misuse of the mails. Schaeffer admitted having written a number of such letters in response to advertisements concerning missing persons, but said he had not profited by them. Judge Sater said the prisoner's youth and other pitiful phases of the case led him to let him off without a penitentiary sentence.

Mrs. Gould Loses a Point.

New York, Dec. 1.—Katherine Clemmons Gould was denied, in the appellate division of the supreme court, a trial by jury in her action for divorce from Howard Gould.

Police Chief Declared Innocent, Lisbon, O., Dec. 1.—"Not guilty" was the verdict of the jury in the arson case against Chief of Police Charles E. Williams after a half-hour's deliberation.

Negro Legally Executed.

Tecumseh, Okla., Dec. 1.—William Johnson, the negro murderer of age Mrs. Mary Cuddy, was hanged here. Johnson killed his victim with a board Feb. 23, 1907.

First Submarine Boat.

The first submarine boat was tried in Plymouth harbor, England, in 1774.

FOR CANDIED ORANGE PEEL.

Delicacy That May Very Easily Be Made at Home.

This is so nice to use with mince meat or in fruit puddings, and it can be made at home so reasonably that it will pay the housewife if she has time to prepare it now. Cut oranges in half and scoop out all the pulp, or if the rinds of peeled oranges are to be used, keep in as good shape as possible. Put the rinds into a basin, cover with lightly salted water, and let them soak for a week. At the end of that time drain and put into a stew pan containing a thin sirup made with two pounds of sugar to every two quarts of water. Boil half an hour. In another sauce pan have a sirup made from two pounds of sugar and a cup of water, and cook over the fire until a thick sirup. Put the rinds into this thick sirup and cook until the sugar candies on them. Take out, put on a sieve laid on a platter to save all the sirup that might drip, and dry in a coolish oven. When quite dry put in wide mouthed bottles or glass cans and fasten securely.

Child's Bib.

An excellent way for making children's bibs, and one that fully answers the purpose, is made by using the regular yoke pattern, cutting the back deep enough so that a narrow piece of the goods comes under the arm. Instead of the same depth yoke in front, cut the material as long as the child's dress, rounding the goods at the side if you prefer. Join the back yoke to the front piece; cut the sleeves, and sew in; face the yoke, neck and sides with bias strips of the material. Two buttons will be sufficient for the back. When finished you will have a bib that not only entirely covers the front of the child's dress, but also protects the sleeves.

Fruit Punch.

Into a large bowl put one heaping cup of medium dark brown sugar, and pour over this two cups of rather strong hot tea. Let this stand until the sirup is perfectly cold. Add to this one cup of orange juice, one cup of lemon juice, a small can of preserved strawberries, a small can of shredded pineapple and a bottle of cherries. Mix the fruit and the sirup well. Into the punch bowl from which it is to be served put a large block of ice and then add the mixed fruit. Now open two bottles of ginger ale and pour into it, then two or three large bottles of apollinaris water. Mix well and serve. If not sweet enough, add more sugar to suit the taste.

Cheese Straws.

Chop two tablespoons of butter into one cup of flour, mix in one saltspoon of cayenne, one-half teaspoon salt. Roll and fold in one cup grated cheese. Wet with cold water to a stiff paste. Roll out thin, cut into strips one-quarter inch wide by six inches long and bake until brown. When cold tie them into bundles with a narrow ribbon or pile on a platter log cabin style, or roll and cut into strips four inches long and cut rings out of some of the pastry, put strips in rings after baked. These are excellent to serve with soups or salad.

Blitz Kuchen.

One cup sugar (granulated), one heaping iron spoon butter, three eggs beaten separately, one lemon, juice and grated rind, one tablespoon water, one pint sifted flour (scent), one heaping teaspoon baking powder, one-fourth pound blanched almonds, cut fine; one-half cup granulated sugar into which one teaspoonful of cinnamon has been mixed. Pour mixture into long greased pan and cover with sugar, cinnamon, and almonds. This is fine and much like coffee bread.

To Teach Child Knitting.

Make a ball of bright worsted, new, of the ends that have accumulated, knotted. Begin to wind, covering small playthings, balls, tiny animals, candy hearts, anything a child would fancy, in the winding. When finished cast on the stitches for two needle knitting and teach your little one, boy or girl, to knit. You will be surprised over the amount of pleasure this simple thing will afford.

Bachelor's Buttons.

These delicious little cakes are made by rubbing two ounces of butter into five ounces of flour; add five ounces of sugar; beat one egg with half the sugar, then put it in the other ingredients; add almond flavoring according to taste; roll them in the hand about the size of a large nut, sprinkle with white sugar, and place them on tins with buttered paper. Should be lightly baked.

When Using the Broiler.

In using the broiler the housekeeper often is troubled by the fat drippings catching fire, causing confusion and delay, not to mention injury to steak. To overcome this take one of the oven shelves and slide in, in place of broiler, on which place meat. Set regular broiler or pan near the bottom of broiling oven, hereby catching the grease, and yet removing it to safe distance.

Onion Sandwiches.

Take one cup of chopped onion and cover with strong salt water. Let stand three hours, drain and mix with a good mayonnaise dressing. Butter thin slices of bread and put a generous supply of the onion between.

Camphor Ice.

Two ounces of lard or nice mutton tallow, the same of spermaceti, one ounce of white wax, one-half ounce of camphor gum, one-quarter ounce of glycerine. Melt all together with as little heat as possible.

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